

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

English Language Declaration

As a below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the inventive design entitled

ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING SYSTEM, INSTRUMENTATION,
AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION

the specification of which

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XXX is attached hereto or enclosed herewith.

 was filed on _____ as

Application Serial No. _____

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 or § 172 of any foreign application(s) for patent or Inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or Inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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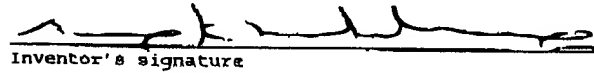
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